

EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday, June 16, 2004

A meeting of the Emergency Commission was held on Wednesday, June 16, 2004, in the Governor's Conference Room. Present in the conference room were Governor John Hoeven, Senator Bob Stenehjem, and Secretary of State Al Jaeger. Members participating via telephone conference call were Senator Ray Holmberg and Representative Ken Svedjan. Governor Hoeven called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m.

Requests identified with an asterisk will be forwarded for the June 29, 2004, meeting of the Legislative Budget Section Committee per the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 54-16-04.1 and N.D.C.C. § 54-16-04.2.

1. North Dakota Game and Fish Department * (Request # 1512)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$80,000 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, for grants line (\$80,000) for shooting range improvements with priority given to groups that support the hunter education program.

Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

2. North Dakota Game and Fish Department * (Request # 1513)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$250,000 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (\$75,000) (funding provided by federal gas tax on boat fuel) and from the Game and Fish Operating Fund (\$175,000) for capital improvements line (\$250,000) to improve and relocate water access boat ramps at Devils Lake.

Senator Stenehjem moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

3. North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department (Request # 1514)

Request approval, under the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 54-16-13 and per guidelines in a related Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Project Work Sheet (PWS), to borrow \$325,000 from the Bank of North Dakota for expenditures related to natural disasters associated with Devils Lake and Turtle River and until final reimbursement is made by FEMA during project close-out.

Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

4. North Dakota Division of Emergency Management * (Request # 1515)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$7,516,231 to accept federal funds (\$6,607,104) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and other funds (\$909,127) from a Bank of North Dakota loan secured according to N.D.C.C. § 37-17.1-23 for grants line (\$6,486,563); operating line (\$546,247), and salaries line (\$483,421) for expenditures related to Presidential Disaster Declarations for January 2004 snow emergency and March 2004 flooding emergency.

Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

5. **North Dakota School for the Deaf (Request # 1516)**

Request approval for a line item transfer of required amount up to \$40,000 from salaries line to capital assets line for use in expanding the school's main parking lot.

Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

6. **Department of Agriculture * (Request # 1517)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$83,500 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture APHIS-PPQ program for operating line (\$35,900) and salaries line (\$47,600); and approval for 1.0 FTE; to identify exotic plant pests as potential biosecurity threats, coordinate and conduct pest detection surveys, and to develop response plans.

Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

7. **Department of Agriculture (Request # 1518)**

Request transfer of \$5,400 from state contingency fund and approval for increased spending authority to accept transferred funds (\$5,400) for operating line (\$5,400) for state's share to participate in U.S. Department of Agriculture APHIS Cooperative Rangeland Grasshopper Suppression Program.

Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

8. **North Dakota Veterans Home * (Request # 1519)**

Request transfer of \$208,000 from state contingency fund and approval for increased spending authority of \$226,000 to accept transferred funds (\$208,000) and other funds (\$18,000) from resident co-pays for capital expenses line (\$60,000) and operating line (\$166,000) to establish an in-house pharmacy for providing medications to residents and to replace current program ceasing operations on January 1, 2005, which is now provided by the Fargo VA Medical Center.

Rep. Svedjan moved for approval with the added stipulation that the Veterans Home first verify with the Veterans Administration whether it is mandatory for the pharmacy to be on site and, if not, that the Veterans Home is to research other options with local area pharmacies to possibly become a contract depository for medications purchased through the Fargo VA Medical Center and to dispense prescriptions on site to residents; and that any funds not used due to lower than anticipated costs be returned to the contingency fund per N.D.C.C. § 54-16-08.

Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State
Secretary to Emergency Commission